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Applicant: Baer et al.
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AMENDMENT

Honorable Commissioner of Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Technology Center 2600

Sir:

This paper is submitted in response to the Office action having a mail date of December 3, 2002. A Petition for One-Month Extension of time is submitted herewith.

Please amend the application and consider the remarks as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 6 of this paper.